

House Resolution 296

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Lunsford of the 110th, Day of the 163rd, and Martin of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant First Class Scott Short and inviting him to appear
2 before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Scott Short has been nominated for Peace Officer of the
4 Year for Valor and the Georgia State Patrol's Life Saving Award for his heroic and
5 life-saving actions; and

6 WHEREAS, on the evening of January 23, 2008, while traveling home on Highway 98 in
7 Madison County, Georgia, Sergeant Short encountered an accident involving a head-on
8 collision between a car and log truck; and

9 WHEREAS, after stopping at the scene of the crash and ascertaining the driver of the car was
10 in stable condition, Sergeant Short noticed flames coming from the cabin and trailer of the
11 log truck on the side of the road; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Short grabbed a fire extinguisher, and, along with two brave civilians,
13 he worked to save the trapped truck driver from the raging fire surrounding him; and

14 WHEREAS, without hesitation, Sergeant Short crawled under the burning truck cab and
15 attempted to put out the flames that threatened the life of the trapped driver; and

16 WHEREAS, the fire from the truck continued to spread, igniting the fuel tank, the logs on
17 the truck bed, and the trees and ground surrounding the truck, but Sergeant Short remained
18 steadfast and determined to extinguish the flames; and

19 WHEREAS, four fire extinguishers later, Sergeant Short had put out the cab fire, and after
20 ensuring that the fire department could contain the fire raging in the truck trailer and without
21 regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Short worked to free the driver from danger; and

22 WHEREAS, with the trailer still ablaze, Sergeant Short and a helpful civilian dislodged the
23 logs pinning down the driver and pried open the truck door, allowing the driver to escape
24 with, amazingly, only minor scrapes; and

25 WHEREAS, due to Sergeant Short's quick thinking, courageous actions, and bravery on that
26 January day in 2008, a precious life was spared; and

27 WHEREAS, in recognition of Sergeant Short's valiant actions, he has been nominated for the
28 Georgia State Patrol's Life Saving Award and as Peace Officer of the Year for Valor.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Sergeant First Class Scott Short, commend his
31 courageous actions that went above and beyond the call of duty, and invite him to appear
32 before the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the
33 House.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant First Class Scott
36 Short.